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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJ: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. TURKISH GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT
AT NOON TURKISH TIME JANUARY 17: BEGIN TEXT.
SECRETARY VANCE HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM THE
TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO PAY VISIT TO ANKARA, JANUARY 20-21.
THE SECRETARY WILL MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER BULENT ECEVIT
AND FOREIGN MINISTER GUNDUZ OKCUN. THE PURPOSE OF THE
VISIT WILL BE TO DISCUSS GLOBAL TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS
AND TO REVIEW TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN THAT LIGHT.
END TEXT.

2. DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL RELEASE TEXT AT OPENING OF
BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON JANUARY 17.

3. PRESS GUIDANCE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT.

QUESTION: AT WHOSE INITIATIVE IS SECRETARY VISITING TURKEY?
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ANSWER: SECRETARY VANCE IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS
PRESENCE IN THE AREA TO STOP OFF IN ANKARA AT THE
INVITATION OF PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT?

ANSWER: THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WILL BE TO DISCUSS
GLOBAL TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS AND TO REVIEW TURKISH-
AMERICAN RELATIONS IN THAT LIGHT.

QUESTION: HOW DOES SECRETARY'S VISIT FIT IN WITH
WALDHEIM VISIT?

ANSWER: SECRETARY'S VISIT IN NO WAY CONFLICTS OR
COMPETES WITH UN EFFORTS TO FACILITATE THE SOLUTION OF
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN PROBLEMS. AS WE HAVE ALREADY SAID,
THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS A BROAD ONE, I.E. TO DISCUSS
GLOBAL TRENDS WITHIN THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO GET OUT OF THIS VISIT?

ANSWER: THE ONLY SPECIFIC OUTCOME, EITHER EXPECTED OR SOUGHT,
IS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH GOVERNMENT'S POSITION.

QUESTION: DO THE SECRETARY AND PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT KNOW
EACH OTHER:

ANSWER: YES. THEY LAST MET IN LATE SUMMER OF 1976 DURING
MR. ECEVIT'S TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES.
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